

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DISPLAYING ELECTRONIC DESKTOPS BASED
ON A SCHEDULER OR NETWORK CONNECTION**

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A method and apparatus for selecting a desktop from a plurality of desktops for use upon turning on a computer system are provided. In an embodiment of the invention, it is first determined whether there is more than one desktop available in the computer system. If so, it is next determined whether any one of the desktops is associated with a scheduler. If so, the time specified in the scheduler is consulted. If the present time falls within the time in the scheduler, the desktop associated with the scheduler is used. In another embodiment of the invention, a network address is associated with some or all of the available desktops. Upon turning the computer system on, the computer compares its network address with a network address associated with each of the desktops. If the computer system finds a network address that is the same as its network address, the computer system then uses the desktop associated the stored network address. In yet another embodiment, a desktop may be downloaded from the Internet for use. For instance, when a user accesses the Internet through an ISP, the ISP may download the desktop to be used.